(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to check the cultivation and distribution of kesri dal in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The sale of Kesri dal in any form has been prohibited under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules 1955. All the States excepting Madhya Pradesh Bihar and West Bengal have issued Notifications banning its sale. The following steps have been taken to check the sale and cultivation of Kesri dal in any form :—

(1) The sale of Kesri dal and its products of mixture of Kesri dal with other dals or for use as an ingredient for preparation of any article of food is prohibited under the P.F.A. Rules 1955 (Rule 44 A).

(2) State Governments have been requested to ban the sale of Kesri dal. All States excepting the States of Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal have banned its sale.

(3) The State Governments have been advised to educate the consumers on the harmful effects of Kesri dal for removing the neurotoxin before consumption by the methods available.

(4) The State Governments have been advised to cultivate low neurotoxin varieties of Kesri dal in the Kesri growing belts.

(5) Cultivation of Kesri dal is banned in Uttar Pradesh . The States of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal have taken steps to replace its cultivation with other suitable pulse or oilseed crops.

Ship breaking yards at Alang, Gujarat

1518 : SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK :

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the ship breaking yard at Alang near Bhavnagar in the industrially backward region of Saurashtra has been passing through a severe crisis ;

(b) if so, what are the details of supply of ships ; and

(c) the manner in which Government proposes to over-come the problems faced by the ship breaking yard at Alang ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C PANT) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. The ship breaking yard at Alang is not facing any crisis Adequate vessels are being provided for ship breaking to the registered units at Alang. The delivery of ships during the past 2 years has been as follows :—

	1984-85	1985-86
(1) No of vessels delivered	40	72
(2) Tonnage	208,575LDT	415,250LDT

Pig-Iron shortage faced by foundry units in Gujarat

1519. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of India are aware of the fact that foundry units in Gujarat have been facing acute shortage of pig-iron, their basic raw material since April, 1985;

(b) what are the details of the requirements of the State and the quantity supplied by Government ; and

(c) the reasons for not taking adequate steps for the equitable distribution of pig iron to the actual users ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) There are no reports of an acute shortage of pig iron for foundary units in Gujarat. However, the Government of Gujarat has been requesting the Department of Steel that the allocation of pig iron to Gujarat Small Industries Corporation for 1985-86 be increased. It has been stated that if adequate quantity of pig iron was not supplied in January, February and March, 1986, the Small Scale units in Gujarat will face a serious crisis.

(b) The demand for pig iron is not assessed State-wise. The major requirements of pig iron in Gujarat are met through Gujarat Small Industries Corporation (GSIC). The Corporation receives supplies from SAIL against the allocation given by Iron & Steel Controller, During 1985-86, SAIL has supplied 1,26,800 tonnes of pig iron to GSIC. In addition, about 43,500 tonnes have been supplied to units drawing supplies directly from SAIL. Import clearance for 37,000 tonnes of pig iron was also given in favour of GSIC during 1985-86, out of which the Corporation has utilized 23,000 tonnes.

(c) Pig iron produced by integrated steel plants is distributed in accordance with the guidelines announced by the Joint Plant Committee of the main producers which provides for equitable distribution of available supplies of pig iron.

Valan irrigation scheme in Surat District

1520. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK :
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased be state :

(a) whether the Valan irrigation scheme is proposed on river Valan, a tributory of river Ambika near village Dholaka of Vyara Taluka in Surat district ;

(b) whether the matter for transferring the forest land going under submergence due to this scheme to the Irrigation Department was presented to the Agriculture and Forest Departments, if so, what are the reasons for delay in taking decision; and

(c) by when this scheme is expected to be completed and the amount spent till now that likely to be spent in the current financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Replies of the State Government to the comments of the Ministry of Environment and Forests have not been received.

(c) Since the project is not cleared, the question does not arise.

Report on the Sidhumber Reservoir project

1521. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Sidhumber Reservoir Project report involving an expenditure of Rs. 3053.029 lacs has